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Via email: 75456-29348706@requests.muckrock.com

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Dear Mr. Tobias:

On June 17, 2019, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

Any written and electronic communications, including email attachments and text messages, sent or received by Interior Department official Gary Lawkowski that relate to the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee's Streamlining Federal Siting Working Group, of which Lawkowski is an alternate member. This request also seeks any electronic communications, including email attachments and text messages, between Lawkowski and any agents, representatives, employees or lobbyists of one or more of the following telecom companies/trade groups: Verizon, CenturyLink, AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, CTIA, and/or the Wireless Infrastructure Association.

This request seeks records produced between August 3, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on June 18, 2019, and assigned control number **OS-2019-00978**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

We have classified your request as a “media use request.” As a “media use requester” you will not be charged for our search or review costs and are entitled to up to 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.39](#). As a matter of policy, however, the Department of the Interior does not bill requesters for FOIA fees incurred in processing requests when their fees do not exceed \$50.00 because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.49\(a\)\(1\)](#).

You have asked for copies of agency records. According to our regulations, you may choose the format of disclosure for such records. Unless you specify otherwise, the Office of the Secretary will provide copies of responsive records electronically via email or CD-ROM as scanned PDF images when the responsive records exceed 50 pages.

Because we will need to search for and collect requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request, we are taking a 10-workday extension under [43 C.F.R. § 2.19](#). For the same reason, we are placing your request under the “Normal” processing track. *See* [43 C.F.R. § 2.15](#).

If you have any questions regarding the status of your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Cindy Sweeney by phone at (202) 513-0765, by fax at (202) 219-2374, by e-mail at os_foia@ios.doi.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka
Office of the Secretary
FOIA Officer